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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

from the
PRESIDENT'S DESK



A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from your TEC President Sally Kirka.

Now that the A.N.A. Convention is passed us and we are all rested, it's time to get busy and get some work done.

We now are working on an idea for the membership coin and hopefully they will be ready to be mailed out along with your membership card with the next issue. Only those that have paid their 1977 dues will get them from your secretary, Al Kirka. Now if you have received a card saying your dues are due and you already paid, don't worry about it. Remember TEC NEWS goes to the postoffice in earl December. Due to a U.P.S. strike on the eastern coast all mail will be late. So relax and everything will work out.

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PRESIDENT'S DESK

Now on our TEC NEWS Coin, Lloyd E. Wagaman has again graciously donated the coins for 1977. Thank you kindly Lloyd as I know we all appreciate what you are doing. As all you know that the 1977 nickels are not out yet, so we try to wait until they are out. If we can't get the 1977 nickels, we will use the 1976 ones. Even the 1976 nickels aren't that easy to get either. Anyhow when the TEC NEWS Coins are ready, you can be sure Al and I will mail them out to the ones who have an article in the January issue of the TEC NEWS.

Remember you can not buy this coin, you have to earn this coin by writing an article of 250 words or more for the TEC NEWS.

Lloyd E. Wagaman has also said he will donate the Merit Award coin for 1977. Remember this award is given for what a person has done for TEC and not what they have done in another club. It is given for what you have done in 1976, or from January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976. This award is given for outstanding things you have done for TEC.

Many things are outlined for the coming year in notices in this issue, so I hope you folks read your TEC NEWS carefully.

One thing I'd like to have the members do is to send more articles for TEC NEWS. There are many of you that have been in the club for years and have never sent in an article. Don't tell me you're all so busy you can't write. If I can find the time to put out the TEC NEWS then you folks can take the time and sit down and write an article. I'll be the judge of how good it is. If it needs correcting. I'll do it for you. So please folks let's make this a good year, so keep those article coming.

If your TEC NEWS was late last time, blame it on to the U.P.S. strike on the east coast. With the strike still on as of this writing and the Christmas rush starting, believe me you can bet your January issue of the TEC NEWS will be late again. Honest its no fault of mine. I have it in the mail early, but with the strike on the postoffice is flooded with a lot of packages and this and 1st class mail goes out first. Somehow 3rd and 4th class gets lost along the way, pushed aside and moved only when they have time for it. Sorry, but that's how the postoffice works and theres not much I can do about it. Believe me I wish I could.

If you're interested in having your coins judged for the "Best Coin" rolled for 1976, why not send them to me. We give a nice plaque for the one that is picked out by the judges. I do not judge them, but try to have good judges who have not seen the coins before.

Well folks, its the season to be jolly and I hope that yours will be, or has been. I hope this year I can get some shopping in early and if I don't have too much to do on the TEC NEWS, I can relax a week or two at Christmas time too. It is my Birthday and everyone deserves a rest on their own Birthday. So again folks a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. May God Bless you all and the best of health, happiness and good luck in the coming New Year.

Your TEC President, Sally Kirka

NOTICE!

The enclosed addressed envelope is for your convenience in mailing in your 1977 TEC dues of \$5.00 which are due as of January 1st

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Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE!**ALL ADVERTISERS**

New rates are now in effect for ads in TEC NEWS as passed by board action in Miami, Florida, August 14, 1974.

Price of "Camera ready" copy to remain the same, but if set up by editor, which will be a typewriter set-up with no art work, the price for ads will be doubled.

Camera ready - Full page ad \$10.00, $\frac{1}{2}$ page \$6.00, $\frac{1}{4}$ page \$3.50
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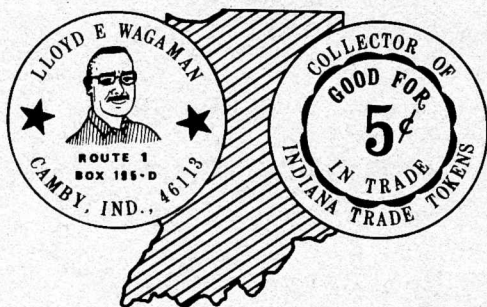
DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

Ads - Feb. 12th

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DEMOPUBLICAN OR REPUBOCRAT

by Lloyd E. Wagaman TEC #33
Camby, Indiana



As I write this the election is still two days away, but by the time TEC members are reading it the election will be history. This article is prompted by my most recent issues of elongateds. These coins are all concerning the election with two for each of the major nominees and one that is neutral.

For the Democrats there is one that merely says CARTER 1976 and another with the donkey and CARTER - MONDALE.

For the Republicans the first says "KEEP A FORD IN THE WHITE HOUSE" and the other has the GOP elephant and FORD - DOLE.

I think the most important one is the neutral one that says "DEFEND OUR RIGHTS" VOTE NOV. 2, 1976. I hope all TEC members will help defend our precious privilege of voting by exercising that right on Nov. 2. I personally don't feel that we have a super choice in either nominee, but you can be sure we are going to have one of them. I certainly feel that one is much more qualified than the other and that one will get my vote come next Tuesday. I know there are many that will feel different than I do as to qualifications and the polls is the place to let your feelings be counted.

I think there was a time in our past history when a person was pretty well justified to vote a straight ticket for the party of his choice. It appears to me in recent elections that there are too many mixed issues on which the individual stand of the nominee is more important than the political party he belongs to. We have some great leaders in both parties. We also have a lot of real BUMMERS. This will be my third Presidential election to "scratch", or vote for members of both parties. For whom we vote is a secret we are privileged to keep if we wish. I don't know if I should be called a DEMOPUBLICAN, or a REPUBOCRAT, but I will be at the polls when they open at 6 a.m.

As of this writing I have rolled 200 coins from each of the above mentioned dies except the VOTE piece, and have rolled 150 from it. I will probably roll an additional 100 of the two pieces for the winning nominee before destroying the dies. It appears that campaign pieces are rather scarce this election, so these just might be a very collectable item of the future.

If you have moved recently, please send us your correct address. This will save us time and money and you will receive your TEC NEWS on time. Send your correct address to the Secretary, Al Kirka 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040

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SANTA'S ON HIS WAY - NEW JERSEY BOUND

by Jack Wilcox TEC #332
New Brunswick, N.J.

Back around the middle of February I started working on our 1976 Christmas elongated coin. I was seeking a design that would be a little different. I decided on placing Santa in a boat, the idea taken from a pin-back button my wife and I collect. Working out a design similar to this button just didn't seem right, so I thought of the schrimshaw we had found last summer at the flea markets in Pennsylvania. This features an eskimo in a kayak, iceberg and fading sun, a beautiful engraving. Now the problem was to find a good photo of a kayak at our library and zeroxing off the schrimshaw. I selected and copied the best kayak photos I found. I submitted the schrimshaw copy which came out well and made my rough sketch for Bob Luchtman's approval, mailing it out with my fingers crossed.

Bob okayed my design with a few slight changes so I sent back my check and placed my order. The order arrived in the middle of April and seeing Santa New Jersey bound in a Kayak should certainly prove to be different, as I really liked the design. It also fits all three themes, Christmas, Ships and New Jersey, I'm also grateful to Bob for recommending the stamp perforation border.

Having Santa New Jersey bound really required an early start as travel by kayak is a bit slow even for poor Santa. The fact that he arrived in April is thanks to Bob Luchtman's helpful fast service.

I look forward to seeing the 1976 Christmas elongated coins. Perhaps other rollers have thought to put Santa in a new light as well. I'd be happy to swap Christmas elongated coins and look forward to the 1976 crop.

An interesting side note, while arranging my ship display not long ago, I located a very nice picture of a kayak on one of the cards I have with ships. When I think what a time I had checking through all the books at the library, when all along I just had what I needed hidden away.

One reason for placing our Christmas elongated coin order so early was the fact that the cost wouldn't interfere with the holiday shopping. Now as Christmas draws near I already have my Christmas coins already. So Merry Christmas to you all from Peg and I.

OBITUARIES

Word has been received from Mrs. Louis Dorothy Ariola of 343 Wellsville Ave., New Milford, Conn. 06776, that her husband, Louis Ariola, TEC #223 has passed away this past November 5, 1976. It is with great sorrow that we receive this sad news. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Dorothy Ariola and to her family from the officers and members of TEC.

Another one of our TEC members has passed away lately, but not much information on him, other than he passed away. The brother of Stanley Skrzpek wrote and said his brother has passed away. Stanley Skrzpek was number TEC 152. We are also deeply sorry to hear of this and extend our deepest sympathy to his brother Walter Skrzpek and his family from the TEC officers and TEC members. Any one wishing to send a card to the family of the deceased member I'm sure it would be appreciated by their families. The address of the family to write to is Mr. Walter Skrzypek, 4338 Hohman Ave., Hammond, Ind. 46327.

SELL MY MERIT AWARD COIN, NEVER!

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

As I was typing one members article I too thought, would I ever part with my "T.E.C. MERIT AWARD" coin. I can tell you right now, that my answer would be a big "NO,NO". The big money may tempt a few, but nothing can replace the beautiful "T.E.C. MERIT AWARD COIN" from me.

Any award that I get I'm grateful to receive it and especially the Merit Award coin. I know that some people have offered a high price for many elongated coins that they wanted very much too. They too know what the coins would mean to them, if only they could buy one. Some of these coins are sold for one reason or another, so that is why they are asking to buy a certain elongated coin. So you can't blame them for trying.

Now, maybe to some people an award doesn't mean a thing and I know for sure, not all people appreciate getting an award. I know where people have said, "What could you do with that, as you can't spend it". Then again many wouldn't part with their awards be it an elongated coin, or a beautiful plaque. Yet when these same people pass away, their next of kin at many times have given or had got rid of them in other ways. These precious award coins and other elongated coins just don't mean a thing to others in the family. So these are the people that would gladly sell any elongated coins and the more money they could get the better for them. To them the coins mean nothing as long as they can get rid of it.

So the same goes for that beautiful "TEC MERIT AWARD COIN", that our good friend Lloyd E. Wagaman made and so generously donated to TEC. As for me I'd never part with any of my Awards Coins or any of the special elongated coins that were given to me. To me it will always have been an honor to have received the coin and being as proud as I am of this elongated coin I wouldn't sell it for any amount of money. Yet it makes you wonder what will happen to our beautiful coins after we are gone. Hopefully they will go to a person that will pay just about anything just to get the coins. When a person is willing to pay a high price for a coin you know that the coins will be in good hands. This coin will mean as much to them as it did to you. So our elongated MERIT AWARD coins will always be in good hands, or so we hope.

NOTICE

With the next TEC NEWS I hope to have a list of names and their marks listed in the TEC NEWS, which will give an idea of who rolled the coins, or who had some of the coins made for them. All the new comers who are rolling coins, please let me know where and what your identifying mark is! This is being done so the new members will know what to look for as to who rolled which coins? I will ask a few members who will try to help with this list. I will then make the list the last page of the TEC NEWS and on white paper. You will then be able to tear this page out and use it for your collection to identify who rolled the coins that you are buying, or that you have bought already. Some will be taken out of Lee Martins book. So all you new rollers, that care to write in I would appreciate hearing from you. This will be done on a voluntary basis.

MY FIRST ELONGATED COIN

by James R. Davisson TEC #599
Fullerton, Calif.

As I read through my TEC NEWS and read about how members got their start in collecting elongated coins, I began to think back to the time I first saw an elongated coin. It was in the late 1930's, at the time of the fair at San Diego, California. I was about eight years old at the time.

I can remember having to get up very early in the morning to start the long drive to the fair. It was only a little over a 100 miles, but in those days that took over three hours to drive. To get to the fairgrounds from the city you could drive around the bay or take the ferry. Since we kids had never been on a boat of such size, my dad decided to use the ferry and give us all a treat.

After a long walk, for my short legs, from the parking lot to the gate and we were there. Inside the gate we came upon a man with a machine that flattened out pennies and put the Lord's Prayer on them. My father gave him the money and he placed pennies between the rollers, turned the handle a couple of times and out the slot came elongated pennies. I know now that they were not rolled by that machine as the rollers were wide like on the old ringer-type washing machine and the coins came out flat, not curved. They were probably rolled elsewhere and brought to the fair to be sold. At the time I must confess that I was more interested in the man at the next stage who was swallowing all sorts of coins and inviting people in to see the side show and to find out how the coins were removed from his stomach. (We did not bite.) We went on to and saw all the exhibits, carrying our new coins.

Like all small boys, I kept my elongated cent in my box of special things. I had a decoder badge and whistling ring with a secret compartment and all the other good things that you could get with box tops. This box made several trips with me from California to Indiana and back again.

As the years went by, so did my box of goodies including my elongated cent. All that is left now is the memory of my first elongated coin and where it came from.

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A few of the TEC members who are members of the California Collectors of Elongateds have been writing to me and asking, "What has happened to that club?" I myself have no idea of what happened. The club has not kept up their due in TEC and are no longer members of TEC. We had sent them their dues notice and later a reminder and have received no answer from them. So they were dropped from the TEC membership list. If someone out there can help us and can tell us what happened with the California Collectors of Elongateds, then please write to the TEC editor, Sally Kirka. A few have said, they have sent for coins and have not received their coins or an answer to their letter. No harm done, just let us know what is what, as we understand some mix up could happen. I have written to James R. Davisson with the hope we can find out what happened? I myself have not heard from them since early spring. I also don't want to drop out, but want to pay my dues. So help, help out there "What has happened to the California Collectors of Elongateds?"

TEC FRIENDS I MET AT THE ANA CONVENTION

by Barbara Izzo TEC #662
Carlstadt, N.J.

As we walked into the lobby of the Americana Hotel this past August, at the A.N.A. Convention the first TEC members we met were our dear friends TEC president Sally Kirka and TEC secretary Al Kirka. It was a pleasure meeting these nice people again.

As the different TEC members came in Sally and Al introduced them to John and I and our son Tommy. It was such a pleasure meeting Ruby Threlkeld, Steve and Alice Penzes, Richard Townsend, Alice and Harold Anderson and Dottie Dow. We met many others as the days went by, but these were the few we met the first couple days. As we met each other, it was as if we had all known each other for a long time.

As each one came in they handed a few little gifts to us, such as elongated coins, tokens, medals and wooden money. So as the days went by we all had a lot of goodies to bring home. John, Tommy and I sure appreciated all the things that we had received. Now I know why they call this the TEC family.

It seems that every morning we all met Al and Sally at Sally's corner, or by Sally's bench as everyone got to call it. As members left they would call out, "Will see, or meet you at Sally's bench", as Sally, Al and Ruby always headed back there when they got tired. Believe me, we were in stitches at times if someone else was sitting there. In no time at all our bench was all ours again.

More than once when it came time to eat we just followed our leader, TEC president Sally Kirka and we all went out to eat. No one had to eat alone unless they wanted too. Everyone was welcome to follow along until we found a place to eat. This too we enjoyed as we always had fun.

I had to work in the hospitality room so I served coffee and buns to our TEC friends. Even down there the TEC family took over one table and everyone wanted to sit together. Talk about fun they always had it. The TEC group would walk around and then come back to the hospitality room and rest. When the bourse room closed, it was back to "Sally's Corner".

The TEC meeting was very exciting as we met more TEC members. There were so many I can't remember all their names, but as I write to them I'll remember them. I think all the officers tried to make this meeting a big success as we really received more goodies and I think everyone can say this was a job well done by the officers. So thank you president Sally Kirka and to all the other officers who helped make this a great meeting. We also received some very nice door prizes. I was so proud when I won Dottie Dows coin which won the prize as the best coin rolled in 1975.

I had an exhibit of elongated coins at the convention. I didn't win the big prize, but at least I tried. There's always a next time.

I also had a special coin made so even I felt good as I could give a little something too. As I also make all kind of pins and necklaces I made some special ones of owls and also handed these out to our many TEC friends. Sally knows what my owls are like because she sure has many of them and has added them to her collection. She really has a beautiful collection of owls from TEC members.

When I got home I brought all of my elongated coins to our "Bergen County Coin Club" that I had received at the convention and won the "Award of the month" for displaying and giving a talk about them all. So thanks to Sally and Al and the many others I received a blue ribbon and a Jamaican dollar. So it paid to show off all these nice elongated coins I received at the ANA Convention.

"UNCLE SAM" - THE MAN AND THE LEGEND

by Ruby Threlkeld TEC #202
La Marque, Texas



Some people win fame over night and others wait a life time. Uncle Sam had been around approximately 137 years before the United States Government decided to do anything about him. As is often the case, the character grew right out of the grass roots. Uncle Sam took over without any official sanction, rules or regulations for display, or Congress prohibiting the use of, or advertising of the character. He has survived

through war and peace, hard times and good. There is something about him that is timeless.

It has been said many people from foreign countries want to know how Uncle Sam really should look. They want to know how the Americans really see him. Each person seems to describe him in a different way. The State Department had a man look at hundreds of posters and pictures of Uncle Sam. He said, "To me he represents friendship and kindness, yet firm, a character a person would like to meet and know". To most Americans the United States without Uncle Sam would seem like Christmas without a Santa Claus. To small children it may not be too significant what the rest of the world thinks of the old fellow in the striped pants and Congress gaiters and tall hat. Today he represents the nation which has attained to a position of power without parallel in history. He is the leader in the free world, millions depend on him for aid and inspiration. This is not wholly new, for America has long been the land of promise.

Uncle Sam is a symbol. Man could not live without symbols. These are the signs we set down in rock or metal, to record the true meanings of people, ideals and events. If hieroglyphics can stand for the sun, for man, for an animal, as they did and still do for primitive people, then how natural to represent nations and groups as well as humans, animals or other symbolic forms?

In some places Uncle Sam and Yankee Doodle are thought of in the same era. Uncle Sam came into being about 1812 and it was about 1848 before Yankee Doodle became well known. Many other songs were written about him.

Uncle Sam will continue to live on. Each day he looks sternly out at the world, from his place on the editorial page and views with alarm all of the problems we face. We see him at all federal buildings, his finger pointing and the words, "I WANT YOU"!

No robot, no collectivist mass man in boots and tunic is Uncle Sam. He is and as he always has been, a disciple of liberty, under law convinced that every man is a little different from other men, and entitled to be different if he so chooses. Uncle Sam is above all a human being. He has not met every challenge. Can we do less?

I only know of about three different "Uncle Sam" elongated coins. At least this is all I have and heard of. These were issued by Dottie Dow, one for herself and one she had made for Greater Eastern Numismatic Association, or better known as G.E.N.A. Each of these coins are a fine addition to any collection of elongated coins. It is my wish that other rollers will come out with others in the near future.

DESIGNING MY FIRST ELONGATED COIN

by James R. Davisson TEC #559
Fullerton, Calif.

I have made many sketches of elongated coins designed and rolled by others. I have also made sketches of all elongated coins that Lloyd Wagaman has rolled and many of these sketches have been used in the TEC NEWS from time to time, but I had never designed any myself.

This year I became the California Collectors of Elongateds club representative to the Numismatic Council of Orange County. This is a group comprised of representatives from coin clubs of the county. They put on a show once a year and a coin auction once a year. At the end of the year all proceeds from these events are divided among the participating clubs.

When the first show was planned it was decided to use elongated dimes as admission tickets. This year was the ninth show and elongated dimes have been used for all the shows so far. I being a member of an elongated collecting club, was asked to design the coin for this year's coin show. So I made two designs and two variations of each and the council picked the one they liked best.

I then finished up the art work ready to go. Since the die was to be made by photo fabrication, the art work was done on a large scale (8½" x 11" paper) and to be reduced by photography to the size to put on the die. The art work was all done and everything ready to go to the roller when a frantic phone call came to "hold everything". Another coin show had been scheduled for the same dates. After some hurried conferences the date was changed. The art work was changed and finally on its way.

A total of 3,500 dimes were rolled. Over 1,600 had been sold by mail orders before the show date, and by mid-day of the last day of the show all the dimes had been sold. Needless to say, next year we will roll a larger quantity. I like to think it was my design that did it.

THE A.N.A. CONVENTION

by Harold Anderson TEC #483
Oklawaha, Florida

First I'd like to tell you how proud I am on winning on my elongated coin exhibit I had at the A.N.A. Convention. It indeed was a pleasure to receive the Henry W. Blaha Memorial Award. I at first couldn't believe my ears when my name was called. I now have it hanging proudly in our Florida home so everyone can see it. So I'd like to say "thank you" to those that have made this possible.

It was also just great meeting all of our old friends of the TEC family and the many new friends we had met at the A.N.A. Convention. This is one thing the convention does, it brings the members from all corners of the United States. Even a few from Hawaii and Alaska and as far away as England and Africa.

A nice thank you to all for all the goodies my wife Alice and I had received. Not only did we get many elongated coins, but many special badges and pins made for our 10th anniversary. At times as we walked around we looked like a four star General, but so what, we all were having a good time. Just think in about nine months we will be doing this all over again.

We have our Bicentennial year behind us as we go into the 1977 year. Many TEC members will be making plans on making some new elongated coin ideas for the coming year. Alice and I are hoping we can think up a good idea and design a coin for 1977 too. As we are now living in Florida, our idea will be on the state of Florida.

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THE A.N.A. CONVENTION

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As I walked around the bourse room at the A.N.A. Convention I didn't see too many elongated coins around. Maybe I didn't know just where to look, but I couldn't find many. I guess I'll always find a few coins at the coin shows in and around our town down in Oklawaha, Florida.

After the A.N.A. Convention was over we packed our things and were on our way to our new home in Florida. My wife Alice and I went through Atlanta, Georgia where the A.N.A. Convention will be held in August of 1977. With the heavy load and trailer behind our car we couldn't stop to check the hotels around there. We will take a ride up there again and I will check around for other cheaper hotels around the Atlanta Marriott Hotel. When I do find out I will give the names of the hotels to our editor to put in the TEC NEWS.

Now to all our TEC members and friends, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from Alice and I from sunny Florida.

MYSTERY ROLLER IDENTIFIED

by Doug Fairbanks TEC #623
Jamesville, N.Y.

Next to the last day of the New York State Fair, held in the town of Syracuse, N.Y. each year, one of my daughters told me she had seen a man rolling out those "funny coins" that I collect. Next morning, I was at the fair. Sure enough, not very far from the main entrance I located this roller. The sunlight glistenned off his machine which stood about four feet from the ground level and was either triple chromed or all nickel plated. He had two dies working on pennies only, a Bicentennial and a Lord's Prayer. Doing a brisk business, he did not wish to converse to any great length and would not reveal his I.D. No initials on the 1976-D pennies.

I left him to his work and started roaming around. About three city blocks further on, I ran into another roller with a similar beautiful machine. He was rolling a Lord's Prayer only. He also was busy and didn't have time to talk.

I proceeded to ramble on and a little while later I ran into another roller with the same type of machine, who was rolling a Bicentennial and a Lord's Prayer too. This man was not too busy and was talkative. I showed him five pieces of "common" elongated coins, which I always carry around. I gave him one of my cards and told him a little about my collection of elongated coins, etc. He then reached into his pocket and handed me an elongated coin with the Lord's Prayer in French. This rung a bell with me, since I had this coin and remembered where I had gotten it. When he showed me a card of the person who he worked for, it was confirmed. Mr. Leonard Schneider of "Lenny's Pennys", some where in California was the man. I believe he is a T.E.C. and a M.E.C. member. I had purchased some elongated coins from him via mail in the past.

Subsequent conversation revealed that rollers from this conglomerate were rolling coins at the Fisherman's Wharf, Atlantic City, Hawaii and all the major fairs.

I told him of a set, which a friend token collector had sent me from New Jersey. His bicentennial die-roll on a penny, Mercury dime, Aluminum "Good For" and a brass transit token. I also told him of the hundreds of dupes which I had for sale, or trade. He said his boss sure would like to meet me and/or have a list of same.

Well the roller started to get busy, so I just wandered off and was glad to have thrown some light on this puzzling mystery.

FIND ANY RESTRIKES LATELY?

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Remember folks when you buy the older elongated coins to make sure they are really the older ones made years ago. If you can't tell the difference ask the dealer selling the elongated coin if it is the real thing. If he knowingly sells you a restrike then it could be held against him. If you study your coins carefully, of the engraving etc., you will be able to tell. Remember just because a coin is old doesn't mean that it was rolled the same year. A dealer has to tell you an elongated coin is a restrike, if he knows it is.

Its like when the rollers roll coins now. If you want an early coin rolled you roll it as you do any other coin. I mean you can roll any older coins on your machine, such as Indian head pennies. If you have a rolling machine and a die you can roll on any early coin.

Recently I was given two elongated coins and there was no harm there. When I got home I checked the coins over. They looked like an older design which I'm sure you will find in Dottie Dow's book. Yet these two coins were rolled on a 1964 penny and another year of the sixty's. I kept looking the coins over and the more I looked the more I thought the coins were almost the same as the older coins and design, but these coins looked as if the die was made lately too. To me these elongated coins look like good counterfeit elongated coins. I still have to study the coins further under a strong glass and will also have some slides made. The slides show up a lot too, when you put the early coin and the 1964 rolled out penny of the same design together you can see the difference.

Like I said, a lot of study has to go into this, but I can bet we will start finding a lot of counterfeit elongated coins of our early coins. So folks if you think your elongated coins are not the real thing, don't buy them. If you do buy them don't pay more than 50¢, as I wouldn't give more than that. I'd still give the dealer a hard time if I was buying a restrike.

So if you are suspicious of an elongated coin you buy and pay a high price for it, you may have been had. Now don't go thinking that all your old coins are not the real thing. Its when you have an old design on a coin made thirty, or more years later that you have to worry about. Also let us hear about it. With Lee Martin now writing a book on the older coins maybe he could write about these counterfeit elongated coins.

COINS DONATED

As of now we have enough elongated coins to be given out with TEC NEWS for the rest of the year of 1977. It is too early to ask for coins for 1978. Anyone wishing to do so can get in touch with me in August and I will let you know for what month you can send the coins in. I'd like to thank all those that have donated coins for this year.

The coins that will be given out with this issue are donated by Roger L. Winkelhake from Lincoln, Nebraska. It is a store card and it is a nice one, so hope you all like it. A special thanks to Roger for the coins you have donated to TEC.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Received a nice telephone call from Bob Luchtman September 19, and it was nice talking to him. Bob has moved and wanted to let me know that he is now at his new place, Box 185, Steamboat, Nevada 89436. Good luck in your new home Bob and Vera.

Louis R. Wejnert, Sr. exhibited his elongated coins at a fall convention in Florida. Its nice to hear that others are exhibiting too, so keep up the good work Louis. Lets hear of others who exhibit too.

An illustrated catalog of elongated coins rolled by Chester M. Rogers is made along with his price list. Anyone wishing this catalog can get it for 50¢. The 50¢ will be refunded on the first \$5. order. So why not send for your catalog at once, as there are some very nice coins in this book. Write to Chester M. Rogers at this address, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Arkansas 72438. (See paid ad)

Sally and Al Kirka won a trophy on their elongated exhibits at the Central Conn. Coin Club of Manchester, Conn. during a fall coin show. Sally exhibited her P.N. Covers and Al some of his elongated coins.

Steve Penzes has a special postcard wood he had made for TEC's 10th anniversary. They have been cancelled at the A.N.A. convention. Those interested in buying one, they are a \$1. plus a 13¢ unused stamp, plus a S.A.S.E. As this is real wood and heavy I'd add a cardboard to your S.A.S.E. and two 13¢ stamps on the cover. The unused stamp pays for the stamp that was used to cancel the wood. Mark your envelope "Hand Stamp" on it too. It's a nice wood, as its wooden money, a wooden postcard and when cancelled, its a P.N Cover and last, a nice TEC souvenir from TEC's 10th anniversary. TEC is not selling these and Steve Penzes is doing this on his own. The address where to send for them is, 9312 W. Fort Street, Detroit, Michigan 48209.

The Greater Eastern Numismatic Association had a special elongated coin made by Dottie Dow of Uncle Sam and its really a beauty. The club has a few left over after the convention of October 1-2-3, so they gave the elongated coins to Robert Dadson, a TEC member and a GENA Board member as well, to sell these elongated coins to the TEC members. They are 50¢ each plus a S.A.S.E. It is a must for all the members collecting Bicentennial elongated coins to buy. So why not send for yours early as only a limited amount of these coins are left over. Believe me you won't be sorry that you did. Lot of the members that didn't buy the coin from their last years convention will be sorry, as that was a nice bicentennial coin too. Dottie Dow made that coin too as these are all gone. So send for your Uncle Sam coin. Write to Robert Dadson, 409 Eight St., Carlstadt, N.J. 07072.

Sally Kirka took a 1st place on her elongated exhibit of Lloyd Wagaman's coin sets of the statehood series, at the NENA Convention in Manchester, New Hampshire in November. She received a plaque and a blue ribbon. This exhibit has won a 1st at about six coin shows and has come in as a second at the A.N.A. Convention at Boston, Mass. When you win at the A.N.A. Convention, you know you did something right. So thank you Lloyd for making such nice coins.

NOTES OF INTEREST

James Davisson has donated a few colored pictures to the TEC archives and for this we thank him. The pictures were taken at the Los Angeles meeting in California by some of the members. As these are in color they cannot be used for the TEC NEWS.

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I want to thank the Board of Directors for having appointed me as a member of the Board. I will do the best of my ability to serve in this office. It was also an honor and a pleasure to have received one of the special Merit Award coins that were given at TEC meeting at New York City. To the members that have not met the officers of TEC, they are all hard working group of people. For example just remember the amount of hours that are put in by our Editors of our TEC NEWSLETTER. We are very lucky to have such devoted members and my hat is off to the both of you Sally and Al Kirka for doing such a marvelous job, for this is the backbone of "The Elongated Collector". The cotton picking Yankee, Chester Rogers from Leachville, Arkansas.

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The 1977 dues are now due. If you haven't already sent in your dues, why not send them in now. The deadline for dues is March 31 st. Members not paying their dues before that date will be dropped from the membership. Do not let this happen to you. Members will be reinstated when they pay their dues after the deadline.

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Jack Wilcox received a nice award from the Postmaster of his postoffice for his nice Bicentennial display at the postoffice. It was nice to read that Jack and keep up the good work. I hope you receive many more awards.

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Art Nast, 3514 Brookside Dr., Harrisburg, Penn. 17109 is giving up his hobby of collecting elongated coins. Lets hope he reconsiders and stays in the hobby. Art had the misfortune of having his home robbed this past October 9th and all his coins were taken. If any of you members out there have an extra coin around, why not send him one, or two and lets show him that the TEC members do care about our members. We are all very sorry to hear about this Art, as it could happen to any of us.

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After due consideration to numerous requests to write another book, I have decided to go ahead with the project, tentatively titling it "Yesterday's Elongateds". Only elongated coins made prior to 1950 would be included.

It depends upon whether I receive the cooperation from the many people who have the knowledge of that field. Any TEC members who will cooperate and furnish photographs and information should send the data to me as soon as possible so the project can get under way. I'll be happy to mention the names of all who cooperate in this time consuming effort.

I do believe another book brought up to date will help our beloved world of elongated coins. So folks if you have any of the older unlisted coins let Lee Martin of 1390 E. 6th St., Beaumont, California 92223, know about the coins. For more information, why not drop Lee Martin a line.

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Deadline for TEC NEWS is, Feb. 12 for ads, Feb. 14th for article

NOTES OF INTEREST

I received a little note from Bill Henderson about how Mrs Pearl Crabb gave a talk about my article that appeared in the TEC NEWS about "My trip to the A.N.A. Convention". In her opening remarks she stated, "I go every year, but on one ever sees me! She then explained that with all the elongated coins she receives from the annual Convention, this is the mode for her going. She also told of this being the 10th anniversary of TEC outlining its founding in Chicago. She displayed a collection of elongated coins from the convention, among which was Dottie Dows handshake coin, TAMS banquet elongate coin, one produced by Sally and Al Kirka, the 1976 TEC badge, as well as many more. I want to thank Pearl on a job well done, as you had a nice imagination of being there.

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Dottie Dow's coin that won the "best coin" rolled in 1975 had four different coins on it. The silver dollar and the Indian penny stands out very nice. All coins donated for this are given out at the TEC meeting. The lucky winner of this coin was Barbara Izzo.

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The House of Elongates has come out with another price list. Its never to late to order some coins from them. All those collecting the Christmas coins, you have a nice selection to choose from, or buy one of each. They have lots of nice other coins on their list too. Only a limit amount of these coins are rolled on each die so order your coins now. Their address is House of elongateds, 1390 East 6th Street, Beaumont, California 92223.

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A note from Don Adams. Its 9:30 a.m. here in Chauvin, La., and the weather just turned cold. I opened my mail and whooooooeeee! What a surprise? What a beautiful Elongated Award coin? I really want to thank T.E.C. for the award and feel very badly that I can not do more than I have been. From the bottom of my heart, thanks a million. Thank you for writing Don and I'm glad you liked your coin. You never let me down when I asked you for help Don.

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Bob Dadson has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors in (G.E.N.A.), or Greater Eastern Numismatic Association. So congratulations to you Bob from all of us.

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Barbara Izzo exhibited her elongated coins at the Northern Valley Coin Club of New Jersey last October. That a girl Barbara keep up the good work and you may get lucky one of these days.

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Our prayers go with you Ed Black of Twin Palms Mobile Park, 197 Duane Place, Lakeland, Florida 33801 and we hope you get better soon. Come on folks lets all send Ed a get well card, as I know it will be appreciated by him. Lets show him "we care", as we really do. God Bless you and keep on getting better.

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Many thanks to the following TEC members for donations for the TEC archives and things for the TEC History Book from the Chairman and the TEC President Sally Kirka. The following have donated lately Fred Mantlei, Gus Meccarello, Lloyd Wagaman, Sally and Al Kirka Chester Rogers and Bob Dadson. If by chance we have left anyones name out and you have sent something to Chairman Ruby Threlkeld, you can be sure she has received it and she wishes to thank you too. Let me know if your name has been left out and we will gladly acknowledge it in the TEC NEWS.

DOTTIE DOW AIDS H.S.N.A.

by Kazuma Oyama TEC #663
Wahiawa, Hawaii

The Hawaii State Numismatic Association (HSNA) held their 1976 coin show at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii, during November 11-14. Once again the Franklin Mint, with Curly Mitchell, contributed much to make the show a success. Also John J. Pittman, an annual visitor to the show, was doing his "table hopping" and greeting friends with a handshake. However, the star of the show this year was the elongated coin with the famous "DD" on it. The elongated cent piece sold for 50¢ each and a limited number (50) of dime pieces sold for \$2.00 each. The profit from the sales was used to help pay the show's expenses.

The elongateds are beautiful pieces in horizontal design with the title "City of Refuge" across the top. The middle of the piece is dominated by a Hawaiian Tiki (idol) and a couple of coconut palms. This central design is very similar to that depicted on the United States 1972 National Parks Centennial 11¢ air mail stamp which the stamp collectors will identify as Scott #C84. To the right of the Tiki is "1976" and "Hawaii". To the left of the Tiki is "H.S.N.A." and Dottie Dow's "DD". It has a beaded border.

For those of you who may be interested in Hawaiian Lore the City of Refuge, which today is a U.S. National Park, it was a sanctuary during the tribal history of the Hawaiians. It was an area surrounded by stone walls. Once inside its boundaries anyone was safe from persecution or prosecution as long as the person obeyed the rules and customs of the sanctuary and remained therein.

NOTICE

As of this writing in November we do not have any idea of what our membership coin will be. Once I get the TEC NEWS in the mail I will get on the ball and have the die for the membership coins made at once. If not I will order them made. As you know we try to use the new coins, which means the 1977 pennies. However if the new 1977 pennies are not out by the time it is time to mail out the TEC NEWS, (April issue) we will roll 1976 pennies. We just can't wait much longer after that.

As the dues are sent to the secretary, Al Kirka, your checks are deposited and your secretary records your dues, so you know this is all taken care of. No membership cards are sent out at this time, as this would mean extra money for stamps etc. When you get your TEC NEWS you will also get an addressed envelope for your 1977 TEC dues. Now don't panic if you had already paid as our letters could have been crossing each other in the mails. Sometimes TEC NEWS is in the mail when we receive your TEC dues. So if you had already paid, just disregard the notice. Then with the April issue all those that had paid their 1977 dues will receive a membership card and membership coin. So if you haven't paid your dues, why not send it in now. March 31st is the deadline for dues. So let's all pay our dues before that date.

NOTICE

The enclosed addressed envelope is for your convenience in mailing in your 1977 TEC dues which are due January 1st. Do not become delinquent. Membership cards and coins will be sent with the April issue of TEC NEWS.

THE CREATION OF A ELONGATED COIN

by Lee Martin TEC #129
Beaumont, Calif.

Elongated cents generally retail for a half dollar. Without a doubt it is the greatest numismatic bargain especially when one thinks of the work involved in its creation. Elongated coins just don't happen! They are usually produced after a lot of thought and effort goes into the original design.

The House of Elongateds requested that its customers suggest subjects; those accepted were to receive an elongated quarter as a "thank you". Literally thousands of ideas were forwarded. Many of them were repetitious, but a lot of the suggestions were exceptional and a few were prize winners.

Once an idea has been accepted, the real work begins. How does one depict a scene that may have occurred one hundred years ago? It requires research and sometimes the purchase of old artwork. Often collecting historical themes can cause confusion. If you followed many Bicentennial stories, you probably noticed different versions promoted by supposedly authoritative sources.

In any case, creating artwork is a major problem especially for those who work with photo fabrication or the pantograph. Hand engravers undoubtedly are the most creative group of artisans but they have more latitude because the others must reproduce a photo or artwork exactly as it appears.

A lot of time goes into completion of the artwork which usually includes a press type lettering often in a variety of sizes. Then the artwork is photographed and reduced to the approximate size it will appear on the die. Some technicians work from positives so the negative is placed in contact with another piece of line film exposed and converted into a reverse image of the negative (or the way it would appear if printed on paper) but instead it's on film.

The positive/or negative (depending upon the technique involved) is then ready for the next step. A die must be sensitized by coating it with a special material. The coating can be applied by dip method or through a spray. It's not a simple step because the sensitized layer has to be properly mixed to insure a perfect image. After the die has been coated and dried, an exposure is made. The positive is placed in contact with the die and brilliant light is used to reproduce a photo-sensitive image on the die. The positive is then removed and the die is then developed using a special developer.

At that point the die is placed into a highly volatile and somewhat dangerous acid. The fumes can quickly damage sensitive lungs so ventilation is a must. The acid etches the die but does not affect areas covered by a resist coating. Thus, selected areas are etched and others retain their original height. In this manner the image is formed.

At this point the roller basks in complete satisfaction or commits mental suicide. If the exposure was improper, if the coating wasn't perfect or if the acid bath wasn't strong enough, the entire process is repeated and the air turns blue as the roller mutters his protests. If all goes well, the die is cleaned and often polished for better imagery.

The roller supposedly will have on hand enough 1976 cents to produce his order. If you've tried to get 1976 cents from your local bank, you know the problems involved.

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THE CREATION OF A ELONGATED COIN

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Ask a teller for a roll of new cents and they will glare or stare; some will even dare you. It's usually best to visit a coin dealer and buy a bag of cents paying his premium.

After purchase, each coin has to be coated so that the portrait of Lincoln will be retained. A non-coated new cent portrait of Lincoln simply disappears when it goes through the roller. Coating is a hand process and is time consuming.

It's a job placing a die on the roller and consumes more time and patience. Fortunately, up to three images can be on each die. Some rollers manage to place as many as five images on a die but our organization likes a little working room so three is the maximum we use.

After the coins are rolled, the selling job begins. Two special brochures are created. Original artwork of each die is reproduced as line copy, a news bulletin is written and then an extensive mailing list is utilized with the cost of each contact running close to 20¢. Lots of bookkeeping is involved and also correspondence. Then the entire job is frustrating when we receive letters such as those which state, "Why do you charge 50¢ for only a cent, wouldn't a quarter be more realistic?" We could answer and say \$1 per cent wouldn't be out of line, but then if we wanted to get rich, we'd be out selling used cars!

MY PROGRAM FOR THE MONTH

by Louis Wejnert TEC #293
St. Petersburg, Florida

My wife and I are members of the St. Petersburg Coin Club in Florida. My wife is a member of the Board of Directors and I am the Vice President there. At a Board of Directors meeting in late September the chairman of the Board was looking for a program for the next months meeting in October. I suggested to them that if they would like it I would bring them my exhibit of some of my elongated coins and gladly give a short informative talk about the history and challenge of collecting elongated coins.

With my wifes help I did my best to tackle the job to bring a good program for the past October coin club meeting. I'm not used to making speeches, so after a couple of shaky minutes everything went smoothly and I finished my talk on elongated coins. Many of the club members came up to see my exhibit of my elongated coins. Many of those that got interested after hearing my talk and seeing my exhibit, asked where and how they could buy some elongated coins? I told them they could buy some at most coin shows and from coin dealers at flea markets. I let them know that we had many dealers of elongated coins all over the country and I could give them their address.

Several of the members have asked about joining TEC and are thinking of doing this after the first of January, as at this date we only have about a month more to go of 1976. So maybe some good has come out of my talk and exhibit of elongated coins. So I really hope we get a few new TEC members out of all this.

If there are any more elongated coin collectors around the St. Petersburg area, I sure would be interested in hearing from them.

WE NEED TEC NEWS ARTICLES - - - SEND THEM IN NOW

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE - ADS FEB. 12th - ARTICLES FEB. 14th

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! LOUD AND CLEAR!

Why haven't you written your article for TEC NEWS yet? If you want a TEC NEWS four times a year then why not help us out. Sit down this minute and write that article you have been meaning to write for so long. Remember what has happened to MEC, and this can happen to TEC too. It gets a little tiresome asking and begging for articles for each issue. If you want TEC NEWS out every three months then its up to you members to sit down and write that article you have been meaning to write all these years.

We have a new TEC NEWS coin coming out and even this doesn't stir up any interest any more. All I know is we could use some more articles and some of you people out there who have never written an article before can help us out now. I give many long hours and plenty of my time so you folks can have a little TEC NEWS to read. If I can do this all myself, so you can take a few minutes to write an article for TEC NEWS. If no interest is shown then I'm all for not putting out a TEC NEWS anymore. Look at your last TEC NEWS and I wrote almost half of the TEC NEWS myself. Not that I wanted to do it that way, but at first I wasn't getting any articles so I had to get busy and write a few. Would you believe some would take the time to write to me that I had to many articles in TEC NEWS, but still wouldn't send me an article.

Its up to you members if you want a TEC NEWS then its up to you to send me some articles and keep the TEC NEWS going, so we can have a TEC NEWS four times a year. Or else I will put in the two or three I have at the time the issue is being put out. It's alright with me, but I hope you folks all try to help TEC out. Remember this is your newsletter and if you want me to keep on going then lets all start writing.



NOTICE!

The 1977 dues are now due, so have you paid your dues yet? The deadline for dues is March 31st, as after that date, you will not receive anymore TEC NEWS. All those sending dues after March 31st will be reinstated. If for some reason you are having some problems, please write and let me know as we are not going to throw you out. So help us to help you. If you can, send in your dues before the deadline.

DEADLINE NOTICE**DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE**

Ads - Feb. 12th

Articles - Feb. 14th

TEMPTING

by Burton Neal Levy TEC #499
Chicago, Illinois

At the 1975 A.N.A. Convention at the T.E.C. meeting, ten members were honored for their outstanding dedication to the elongated coin collectors hobby in 1974. I for one was happy to receive the 1974 Award of Merit elongated coin rolled out by Lloyd E. Wagaman (which made it an extra special issue) and I expressed myself accordingly in the Jan.-Feb.-March 1976 TEC NEWS, look at page 27.

Here it is a year later and I was very surprised to see that my 1974 T.E.C. Award of Merit elongated coin was now worth \$100.00 to another TEC member. (Oct.-Nov.-Dec. 1976, TEC NEWS, page 21). Gee, what I could do with \$100.00. Just think what you could do with that amount of tax free dollars! Tempting isn't it? You're darn toot'in it is.

However I presently can not put a monetary value on my special TEC Merit Award Coin engraved to Burton N. Levy. I respect the special elongated coin as a priceless memento of graciousness expressed by my elongated associates. So, my friends, these are the nine other recipients; Sally Kirka, Al Kirka, Ruby Threlkeld, Eric H. Goodwin, Pearl Crabb, Lloyd E. Wagaman, Lee Martin, Bob Luchtman and Coin World. I wonder what's going on in their minds?

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL M.E.C, MEMBERS

Dear Fellow Members,

Please be advised that the organization known as the Midwest Elongated Collectors, which was founded August 22, 1971, and was officially chartered October 7, 1971 in the State of Illinois will no longer be in existence as of December 31, 1976.

Being one of the major founders, editor of the newsletter and the President for the past four years, it had gotten to the point that the club only existed because of my efforts combined with those of a few people. That my dear friends creates an unhealthy situation.

After repeated pleas for help without response it has been decided that the purposes of this organization have been defeated. Therefore, after discussing the situation with Mr. James E. Hicks, Charles Mueller and David J. Singer, whom happen to be closely associated with me, it has been decided that MEC shall be put to rest at the end of this year.

A meeting in the near future will determine as to the disbursements of the club's assets. In any event the membership will be advised upon request or via public notice.

Members paid through 1976 have received two newsletters thus far and there will be a third to bring MEC to a close. Chester Rogers has donated an elongated coin for this issue which is most appreciated. The question of a 1976 membership elongated coin is in discussion presently, which will be discussed at the final closing meeting.

A few members who have paid 1977 dues will be refunded this money within the next month. Other than these monies, none will be refunded to any one member, unless determined by the closing board which consists of the individuals mentioned earlier.

Respectfully,

Burton Neal Levy

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125 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50

CMR.#29G - Leachville, Ark.
July 17, Jacees
225 rolled on 1¢ - - @\$.1.00

CMR.#29H - A.N.A. Aug. 24-29
85th Convention
175 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50

CMR.#29I - MEC Birthday
Aug. 22, 1971
125 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50

CMR.#29J - I Attended the
T.E.C. Meeting, Aug. 27, N.Y.
125 rolled on 5¢ - - @\$.1.00

CMR.#29K - Bellaire Aug. 7, 8
Coin Club Show
125 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50

CMR.#29L - 85th A.N.A.
Aug. 24-29 New York-KRK
130 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50
12 rolled on 1976 quarters

(Paid ad)

CMR.#29M - Fox Valley Coin
85th A.N.A. Good for \$1.00
130 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50
12 rolled on 1976 quarters

CMR.#29N - NLG Bash 85th
A.N.A. NYC KRK
130 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50
12 rolled on 1976 quarters

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Flintville, Wis.
130 rolled on 1¢ - - - @\$.50
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With 3 links on the reverse
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NOTICE

Please do not send me any elongated coins for the A.N.A. show case until further notice. As yet, or as of this writing I did not get the show case, as I don't understand how the show case will be used. I will be writing to the A.N.A. for more information on why we want to buy, or why we are donating this money to the A.N.A. museum. The money must be called a donation. So until I'm sure of what we are getting I will hold off sending any money for the show case. Our idea was to buy a show case for TEC in TEC's name for elongated coins only and that's why I brought up the idea. I have a feeling we should hold off doing anything right now until we understand what our show case would hold. I will have to talk this over with all the TEC officers and see what should be done.

DUES OF \$5.00 FOR 1977 ARE DUE NOW. SEND YOURS IN NOW

OLD FRIENDS

by Gus Meccarello TEC #40
Pougkeepsie, N.Y.

The clock went off at five a.m. and I jumped out of bed half asleep as I pushed down the lever of that irritating buzzer of the clock. I knew I'd better get up if I was going to catch the six thirty train for New York City. After a shower and a shave I was getting dressed, I heard a knock on the front door. At first I said to myself, "Now who could that be?" As I opened the door, I saw that it was my brother Jack. Then I remembered that we had made plans to go to the ANA Convention together. The thought then came to my mind that Jack must have gotten up at three thirty. He lives more than forty miles away and he drove through a down pour of rain. The rain had come down all night long.

We thought that it would be a disadvantage to drive down, so we took the six thirty train. Many of the roads on the West Side of New York City are being torn up. Parking in New York City was always a problem, so taking the train at this time was the best thing we could do at this time and besides we could rest a little on the way home.

At the Grand Central we took a cab to the Americana Hotel. As we walked into the lobby, lo and behold we saw next to the elevator half of the TEC members. Sally and Al Kirka, Ruby Threlkeld and Richard Townsend, Alice and Steve Penzes and Harold and Alice Anderson. There were many others there, but at that time I had not met them as yet. So sorry I had left your names out. After an introduction all around we all had a nice long talk and as usual we talked about elongated coins. Jack and I had made a few cast elongates that we both passed out to the members that were there. I also gave Sally about a 100 elongates to give out as door prizes at the TEC meeting. Jack had also made a special TEC belt buckle and gave one out as a door prize.

After a nice talk we excused ourselves so we could go to the bourse room as we wanted to see a few dealers and Lee Martin again. After walking around for a short time or so it seemed, it was time for the TEC meeting.

At the TEC meeting we met many old friends of past TEC meetings and met many new ones. I as well as everyone else at the meeting really missed our friends Lloyd and Alberta Waganan. The meeting went well with the president presiding. The only thing wrong was we had so few hours for the meeting and the time flew by so fast. I sure wished we could have stayed and did some trading around with the members.

I want to mention as I did at the meeting, that since Angie Rosato was not well enough to attend the meeting, he is still working on his book and if his health holds up we should have a very good elongated coins encyclopedia by the first of the year.

After the TEC meeting we again stopped and talked with all the TEC members. The saddest part of all was saying "so long" to them all. So after a sad farewell, Jack and I had to go back to the station and it was back home again.

NOTICE

If you haven't ordered your 1977 TEC badge yet, do so at once before its too late. We will only order as many as have been ordered. Be it 50 or a 100. So there is still time to order your 1977 TEC badge yet. Do it now, the deadline is April 1, 1977.



TEC NEWS COIN

by SALLY KIRKA TEC #16

MANCHESTER, CONN.

I would like to thank all the members who have sent in articles for the TEC NEWS. This is appreciated by me and I'm sure by everyone else that reads the TEC NEWS. Just don't stop now as we need those articles more than ever to keep the

TEC NEWS going. Take a few minutes of your time to send us an article. Remember without articles, there will be no TEC NEWS. So its up to you the members if you want a TEC NEWS.

Lloyd E. Wagaman will again make a new TEC NEWS Coin for 1977. I for one am very grateful to Lloyd Wagaman for donating these coins to TEC to give out to the members for the articles they write for TEC NEWS.

Remember the articles must be 250 words or more to earn this coin, as none will be sold unless the person who earned one sells his own coin. The article must be sent to me before the deadline. If I receive it after the deadline it will have to wait for another issue. This also goes for, if I already have a limit of pages. No article will be returned. I repeat no articles will be returned. If your article is so valuable, Please don't send it to me. I will not be held responsible for it. Derogatory articles will not be used. All articles will be edited where needed.

One thing I'll have to add to this article is that articles have to be typed, or written so I can read them, or I can't use them. I will not use a magnifying glass to read anyones article again. Only last week I received one article that was badly written I couldn't read it. Maybe the article was good, but I couldn't make out what the words were. So write slowly, so I can read your articles too.

This is the list of the names that had an article and have been sent a coin for their article in October 1976 issue of the TEC NEWS. Of all the list of names maybe one or two have written me they have appreciated the coin, or have bothered to let me know if they have received their coins. It would be nice to hear of this, or at least let us know you had received the coin. There are no more 1976 TEC NEWS coins left and the few that were left are destroyed.

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A NEW EXPERIENCE

by William C. Henderson TEC #370
Colorado Springs, Colo.

During the early part of summer, 1976, the thought occurred to me that none of the rollers of elongated coins had produced one for the observance of Colorado's Centennial of Statehood. Being mindful of two major facts: First, Colorado was the only state to be observing its Centennial concurrent with the Nation's Bicentennial, and secondly, remembering the old adage, "Fools rush in where Angels fear to tread", I decided I would make an attempt at producing an elongated coin.

In contemplating a possible design, I immediately decided it should contain the relatively simple, but unusually meaningful state flag. In addition, since Colorado is a state of many lofty mountains, such a design should obviously contain mountains hopefully, at least an outline of this country's best known and most publicized one, Pikes Peak. Lastly, if possible, the Colorado Blue Spruce tree should also be included.

With these thoughts in mind, I proceeded to develop a design for "my" elongated coin. I then mailed this design to several rollers, hoping it could be accomplished by the anniversary date of the Colorado Statehood, August 1, 1976, but such was not possible. I neglected the obvious and during the A.N.A. convention in New York, I discussed my problem with our own Dottie Dow, who said she would, and could roll them for me, this she did with her usual expertise.

The focal point of this elongated coin is the state flag. To the right of the flag is an outline of Pikes Peak. On the left of the flag is another symbolic mountain and on both sides of the flag and in the foreground, is the much-sought-after Colorado Blue Spruce trees.

A brief description of the Colorado State Flag is in order: The top and bottom stripe is blue and the center stripe is white. Superimposed on this field is a large, gold-colored "C" with an orange center. As previously stated, this is a simple design, but exceedingly meaningful: Letter "C" - Capital for Colorado, Centennial State, Columbine State. Gold - Greatest gold state, All-the year sunshine, One of the Columbine's colors. White - Greatest silver state, Eternal mountain snow, One of the Columbine's colors. Blue - All-the - year blue sky, One of the Columbine's colors, Color of the D.A.R.

The colors of the Columbine referred to above is substantive because of the Columbine being the State Flower of Colorado. The Colorado State Flag was originated by the Denver Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. This design was accepted by the eighteenth General assembly, May 6, 1911 and legally adopted on June 5, 1911.

The first attempt in producing an elongated coin was so pleasing, a second effort may be made in the not too distant future.
Additional Data:

Part of Colorado was within the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the balance was originally owned by Mexico and the Republic of Texas.

President Buchanan signed the Bill creating the Colorado Territory, February 26, 1861.

The Bill admitting Colorado as the 38th State was approved and signed by President Grant, August 1, 1876.

Of the 51 highest mountains in the United States, 49 of them are within the State of Colorado..... The highest being, Mt. Elbert, 14,431'. Pikes Peak has an altitude of 14,110'.

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A NEW EXPERIENCE

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Statistics regarding the Colorado Centennial elongated coin:
Total number of coins issued - 1,000, Total number of coins rolled on 1976-D dimes is 10, *Total number of 1975 dimes used to adjust pressure on rollers is 2. Note: One, 1975 half dollar was rolled for the Kennedy collection of Edward C. Rochette, Executive Vice President of the American Numismatic Association. Total number with the State Flag painted - 6.

* These elongated coins were plated with Colorado Gold, which came from the Alma Placer, near the old mining town in South Park, Alma, Colorado. This was an area of great gold activity in 1860!

TEC ARCHIVES

by Gus Meccarello TEC #40
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

I was quite surprised when I was told that the TEC Archives did not have any of my rolled out elongated coins. I have sent CCE and MEC complete sets of my rolled out coins, but I have never even thought about the TEC Archives. Being that I am a charter member, have number 40 in TEC and that I also have a Coins Elongated Museum. I was surprised that I had neglected to send any elongated coins to the TEC Archives. I promised chairman Ruby Threlkeld that as soon as I got home from the ANA and TEC meeting that I would send Ruby some of my elongated coins that I have rolled out. So the first thing I did after getting home was to go to my museum before I forgot and started packing away the many elongated coins rolled by Coins elongated. At last count there was 150 in all. They are all packed and are ready to be sent to Ruby Threlkeld by UPS, as of this writing. They are on their way tonight. So Ruby they are in your hands when you read this article. Happy sorting!

I was also quite surprised when I was told that quite a few of the rollers have neglected to send elongated coins to the TEC Archives. Rollers, as you read this, remember send one of each of your rolled out elongated coins to the TEC Archives. Lets keep Ruby busy putting them in the Archives! I know she will be happy to do that.

Any member that has elongated coins that they have made themselves can send one of their elongated coins to the Archives. Some rollers roll only the amount needed and don't roll any extras. Roll an extra and send it in. That way there will be a elongated coin representing everyone made.

NOTICE!

To all the rollers of elongated coins for 1976. If you wish to send in a coin to be judged for the best coin rolled in 1976 please send them to me, President Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. These coins will not be returned, but will be given out as door prizes at the TEC meeting with other elongated coins. Each roller can send in two coins of his choice, as long as they were made in 1976, or they will be disqualified. The coins must be mailed in by April 31, 1977. So send your coins in early as the deadline means just that. Hope we can get more rollers interested in this. A beautiful plaque will be given out to the lucky winner. So don't be late, send in your coins now.

DUES OF \$5.00 FOR 1977 ARE DUE NOW. SEND YOURS IN NOW

OUR FIRST PERSONAL ELONGATED COIN

by FRANK GALINDO TEC #672
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Now that the dust is settling and vacation is over, I am still thinking of the enjoyment, and pleasure we derived from giving friends our personal elongated coin.

Since my wife and I started collecting elongated coins three years ago, I knew someday we would have our own elongated coin rolled. With July approaching and an upcoming fraternal convention in San Jose, California, I knew the time had come.

I visualized the design complete with all the artwork and lettering it would require. Then I drew the design to scale and sent it to a roller with whom I had been in contact. Within two weeks a package arrived with our elongated coins. We were really pleased with the finished product. Our dream had become a reality!

These elongated coins were made specifically to give as souvenirs to friends who are fellow-members of our fraternal organization attending the world convention in San Jose. None of these coins will be sold. Each time we would give an elongated, I would have to give the person a brief history on elongated coins, since almost none of them were familiar with this type of coin. The most popular question was, "is this a real cent"?

Our elongateds will be quite well traveled since they were given to members from most states in the United States, as well as members living in West Germany, England, France, Nigeria, South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela, El Salvador, Honduras, Norway, Canada, and several Islands in the Caribbean Sea.

The design on our elongated is a cross with a rose in the center, which is a symbol of the fraternal order. In addition, we have our names, 1976 and San Antonio, Texas on the coin. Although this was our first personal elongated coin, I know it won't be our last.

NOTICE!

A call for nomination for all offices is in order now. All Officers should be qualified for the job. These jobs should not be taken lightly, as we need dead-beats as we need a hole in the head. We need workers and most of all one that will answer letters at once. It only takes a few minutes to answer your business letter and if you do it at once, it won't be so hard to do. We also need officers who can attend the meetings at the A.N.A. Conventions. Without any officers there, we could not hold a meeting. So please, if you do not qualify for the job and expect to take the job in name only, please don't. We really need workers and people that have the time to be an officers. In the past we had a few officers that never once wrote an article, or even bothered to write. I know of one officer who later told us they weren't much on letter writing. Another officer told me they just didn't have the time to help in any way. To me a person like that should never accept any nomination for any office. This time the nominating committee will seek out willing workers and qualified for the job. Lets face it, not all good friends make good officers. The four top officers have a big job ahead and believe me you have to give plenty of your time and no goofing off from you jobs. No one can nominate themselves. Please send your nominations to the Secretary Al Kirka 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040.

Deadline for ads is Feb. 12th and for articles Feb. 14th.

NOTICE!

No matter how many times we have asked members to let us know of their change of address its like talking to a wall. It seems none of the members care enough to let us know about it. When they don't receive the TEC NEWS then they are the first to write and let us know. Like the one person who moved lately and forgot to send us their change of address. Now to add it up to send this man another TEC NEWS, the cost of all this comes to almost \$2.00 for one issue. Now if we spend money like this for members who forget or don't take the time to send me their address, I don't think \$5.00 dues is enough. It costs us now 25¢ or at times 30¢ just to get a note from the postoffice that this TEC member has moved and left no forwarding address. Then if we have to send another TEC NEWS, a large size big envelope, 28¢ postage, this all adds up. Now when you add the price of each TEC NEWS it comes over \$2.00 just to get one TEC NEWS to the member who didn't care enough to send in his change of address. I think a person who does this has a nerve writing in asking for another copy of TEC NEWS. I will take this up with the Board members as I can't see paying \$10.00 or more for extra postage with each issue and having the postoffice saying postage due, because a member has moved and forgot or didn't take the time to let us know. Think about it folks. All of these extras have to come from your dues. I think the TEC members get more than their \$5.00 worth from TEC, so why should we have to start thinking of going up on dues, because of all the extra postage. It all adds up at the end of the year, and is an extra burden on TEC. With the price of everything going up each month we should all help to save a little. So please stop and think, if your moving or have moved send us your address right away. Don't take a chance and lose your copy of TEC NEWS or your coin that goes with it. Please help us to help you! This had to be written because I'm tired of begging members to please let me know that they have moved. No TEC NEWS is forwarded by the postoffice and I don't have anything to do with the postoffice after I bring it to the postoffice.

NEW MEMBERS

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COMING, LEE MARTIN'S NEW BOOK

by Sally Kirka TEC #16
Manchester, Conn.

Lee Martin, One of the owners of the House of Elongateds, of Beaumont, California is going to write another book on elongated coins made prior to 1950 would be included. The book would be called "Yesterday's Elongateds". In order to do this he needs the help of all the TEC members that have an unlisted coin from any year up to the year 1950.

If you have a coin made before the year 1950 write and let Lee Martin know about it, specially all the unlisted coins you may have. I could be wrong on the year, so more about this book in the next issue (April, May and June).

Also all you members that have been asking if there are any books out on elongated coins, this is your chance to order a book from Lee Martin. (No price given as yet on this book.) Lets show him we really are interested in this book that he will put out. You'd be surprised how few ordered his last book that he wrote. I don't think even 1/3 of the TEC members ordered his last book. Lee asked several times before the printing of the book if anyone wanted to order the book, to please do so before the printing. Once the book came out and no orders were taken quite a few members hollered loud and clear, "Why couldn't I buy one?" So don't be late, order your book now and let Lee know you will be interested in his book now. Either write to the "House of Elongateds", 1390 East 6th Street, Beaumont, California 92223, or write to me your editor Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. I will see that he gets your order for a book. You can order more than one book if you so desire.

If you have any coins you'd like to put in the book. please write to Lee Martin first at the House of Elongateds address. Do not send the coins unless he tells you to do so. All those letting him know of the unlisted coins you may have, you will get credit in his book. You will hear more about this from Lee Martin, so please write to him first.

This book will be a great help to all of us who want more information on the older coins. Also anyone having any restrikes, or counterfeit coins made with a newer die, but a copy of the older die let Lee Martin see the coin. This would be a great help to Lee. Don't say to yourself Lee Martin may have the coin, write and tell him about your coins and let him tell you if he already has a picture of the coins.

If you can take a picture of these coins, send a close up to Lee Martin too. Any help you may give him, will help make this book as great as his last book that Lee Martin has written.

As you know no price can be given on how much the book will cost as yet, but I'm sure what ever the cost of the book will be, it will be well worth the cost. Take my word for it.

More information about this book in the next TEC NEWS. I could be corrected on some of the things I wrote, so write to Lee Martin for more information and help you can give him. This will be appreciated by all of us. So now lets hear from you.

NOTE

The "House of Elongateds" wants to wish you all a real old fashion Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with Cheer.

MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH ELONGATED COINS

by Al Kirka TEC #450
Manchester, Conn.

Like most TEC members who pick out a certain theme they like and then collect those certain coins. I also decided to collect as many Christmas coins as I could find.

Collecting Christmas elongated coins can be a lot of fun and you can also make such nice exhibits with them. After getting a few pointers from my wife Sally about Christmas ideas for exhibiting I started making one. It may not be the best, but I have a good chance to show it off at one of our coming coin shows before this Christmas. I too went around the stores to see what Christmas decorations I could get for my exhibit. I have a feeling the best time of the year to buy all these things is after the Christmas rush is over, or right after Christmas when all these things are marked down. You'd be surprised at what you can buy very cheap.

I had an idea in mind and did my best to get just what I wanted. This time I didn't tell Sally what I was doing either and went ahead working on my exhibit. Every once in awhile I'd ask Sally if she had a certain thing I could use. I put plenty of tinsel around the edges of the show case. A big sign with MERRY CHRISTMAS and I made my own sign with "ELONGATED COINS" on it. I also put a nice Santa in the middle and this stood out very nicely.

I didn't fill up my case with a lot of elongated coins, but tried first to stick with my Santa theme and this worked out very well. You'd be surprised how many Santa elongated coins that have already been made. On the bottom of the show case I put the few different other Christmas elongated coins that I also had. So my exhibit did look like a Christmas exhibit too and I hope the people that see it like it too.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
ATTENTION**

About your membership coin! Remember when sending in your dues by check, you will get your canceled check back. We don't mail out membership cards or coins until the April TEC NEWS issue. We try to see if we can get the new 1977 pennies. If by a certain date the coins are not out, or if I can't get any at the banks we will roll the 1977 membership coin on a 1976 penny and let it go at that. No harm done and not much we can do about it. So please don't keep writing and asking about them. If you want an answer, then send me a self addressed envelope as postage is going up again and we want to keep the dues down as much as we can. If you read this notice there won't be no need to write, like I said we hope to mail to all paid up members their membership card and coin with the April issue of TEC NEWS. Anyone not paying their dues by April 1st will then be dropped from the TEC membership. Don't let this happen to you, so send in your 1977 dues now. We will appreciate this very much and you won't miss out on your TEC NEWS.

Convention Badges

If you had ordered a 1976 New York Convention badge and had not sent for it as yet, do so NOW. The cost of the badges are \$3.30. Send to secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040

NOTICE!

We have a United Parcel Service strike covering the New England states along the eastern coast to Florida. So the people using the U.P.S. had to go back and use the United States Postal service again. As the rush was so great, the postoffice was really rushed and behind delivering all packages. So you can see 3rd and 4th class mail is not rushed out. Once I put the TEC NEWS in the mail I have nothing to do with how the postoffice delivers it. With this strike on I was worried when TEC members would get their TEC NEWS. I wrote to a few all around the country to let me know when they received their TEC NEWS. Some got theirs in two weeks, while others didn't get theirs in three weeks. Anyhow its still not late as this is the October issue and at this writing the month of October has two more weeks to go. As it is I try to get the TEC NEWS in the mail earlier and that is why I ask the members to send in their articles before the deadline. All articles that come in after the deadline will be put in the next issue. Now with the U.P.S. strike still on at this writing I know the January issue will be late again through no fault of your editors. We will try to have the TEC NEWS in the mail the first week in December, so you will see how long your issue will be held up because of the strike. I mail them all out at the same time.

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